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From: Oliver, Wendy <WOLIVER@providence.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 9:17 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Support for Bills H 6122, H5456, H5687

Dear Clerk,

I am writing in support of Bill 6122, Article 16, regarding funding for housing. RI is the only New England state that doesn't have a dedicated funding stream for housing, and we spend only 1/5th of what Conn. and Ma. do, per capita. Please support this bill to provide funding for much-needed affordable housing in RI.

I am also writing in support of Bills H5456 and H5687, regarding Conveyance Tax. It makes sense to have the wealthiest citizens pay a modest tax to support the housing needs of others with less means. We cannot close the housing gap without an income stream, and this is a reliable way of doing so, without unduly penalizing those in higher income brackets.

Sincerely,
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